THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) The National Commission on Farmers headed by Dr. M.S. Swaminathan has submitted its reports to Government. There is no proposal to lay the report on the Table of the House. The report is under active consideration of Government.

Innovation Schemes for Farming in Maharashtra

3974. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: SHRI VIJAYJ.DARDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that through innovation schemes the prospects for productivity growth have improved by promoting a farming system approach rather than a commodity specific approach;

(b) if so whether any such scheme/schemes are intended to be adopted in tribal and backward districts of Vidarbha like Yavatmal, Amravati, etc. so that the farmers get remunerative price for their crops; and

(c) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research would depute a special team to Maharashtra for dissemination of the technology and methods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One of the sub projects under National Agricultural Innovation Project is intended to be implemented in the tribal and backward districts of Ahmednagar, Chandrapur, Ghadchiroli, Nandurbar and Yavatmal in Maharashtra State for improving productivity, returns and livelihood security.

(c) Indian Council of Agricultural Research is providing technical advice through its institutions located in Maharashtra. Special teams can be deputed if specific need is conveyed.

Foodgrains requirement

3975. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of food production in the country during the last five years, year-wise; State-wise and produce-wise;

(b) the total quantum of food procured and procurement price paid to farmers during that period, year-wise, State-wise and produce-wise;